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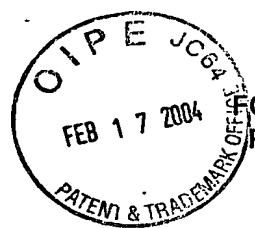
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**DECLARATION
FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN
PATENT APPLICATION**

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) Attorney Docket No.: 79144
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) Customer No.: 22242
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) First Named Inventor: Brett Edwin DeVries
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) Application Number: 10/661,461
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) Filing Date: September 10, 2003
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) Art Unit: 3651
)
) Examiner Name:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

CONVEYOR BELT CLEANING SYSTEM

(Title of Invention)

the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto, or

☒ was filed by an authorized person on my behalf on September 10, 2003
as United States Application Number 10/661,461 or PCT International
Application Number _____, and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and I have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application, on this invention filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns and having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application Number(s)</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Foreign Filing Date</u>	<u>Priority Not Claimed</u>
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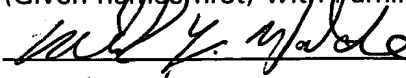
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